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Free Talk

Plate tectonics 板块运动 (导致地震的其中一个原因)

Show off 炫耀

Chatty 爱唠嗑的、健谈的

Typo 手误

Slip of the pen 笔误

Slip of the tongue 口误

Flea market 跳蚤市场

Very unreasonable -> ridiculous

Pre-made meals 预制菜

Diabetes 糖尿病

Homework Analysis - Writing

Summary

Cars are vital for freedom, convenience, and expressing personality, as they enable daily tasks like school runs and reflecting individuality. They also support economies by providing jobs in manufacturing and aiding small businesses with transport. However, cars negatively impact the environment through air pollution, flooding risks from impermeable roads, and loss of green spaces ^{due} to parking lots. Expanding road networks ^{damage} rural ^{landscapes} beauty, ^{and} ^{should be a plus rather than a drawback} while reliance on fossil fuels ^{worsen} exacerbates ^{change} climate issues. Solutions like electric vehicles and recycled fuels are emerging, but the debate continues over whether cars' benefits outweigh their environmental costs. Balancing ^{both} convenience with sustainability remains a global challenge. (700 words)

1 → Cars and vital for freedom, convenience, and expressing personality... → Cars are ... (Slip of the pen -> 说了要检查了吧!)

2 → cars harm the environment ... → cars negatively impact the environment

3 → ... and loss of green spaces to parking lots. → due to parking lots

表示“因果”可以用 due to

4 → Expanding road networks disrupt rural beauty, while reliance on fossil fuels exacerbates climate issues. → and

两个并列的负面结果：一个影响自然美景，一个影响气候。

5 → rural beauty → rural landscapes / natural landscape

6 → ... but the debate continues over whether cars benefits outweigh their environmental costs. Balancing convenience with sustainability remains...

→ cars' benefit

→ balancing both remains...

both 指的是前面两个提到的点: car's benefits 和 environmental costs

用 both 可以更加精简

IGCSE ESL Writing

Vegetarianism: A Better Choice for Everyone

① **BACKGROUND??**

② Some people believe the world would be better if everyone became vegetarian. They argue ^{it is} ~~its~~ healthier and ^{more affordable} cheaper, while others think meat is essential and vegetarian food is ^{lacks variety} ~~boring~~.

③ **WHERE IS YOUR OPINION?**

One reason to support vegetarianism is its health benefits. Studies suggest that a plant-based diet ^{may} ~~can~~ reduce the risk of heart disease and ^{obesity} ~~overweight~~. Additionally, ^{very good!} ~~raising~~ animals for meat contributes to environmental problems ^{such as} ~~like~~ deforestation and pollution. By choosing vegetarian meals, we can help protect ^{the environment} ~~our planet~~.

On the other hand, some people enjoy eating meat and find vegetarian food less ~~satisfying~~. They argue that humans have eaten meat for centuries and that it provides important nutrients ~~like~~ protein and iron.

In conclusion, while vegetarianism has many benefits, it is a personal choice. People should be free to decide what diet

			Everyone deserves the freedom to decide which diet suits their values and needs.				Memo No. _____
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works best for them based on health, cost, and personal preference.

Introduction

1 → 结构不完整！缺少背景和个人观点（上次课堂笔记里有提示的，认真看了？）

2 → it's → it is

NO contraction!!! 因为不够 formal

3 → cheaper → more affordable; is boring → lack variety

有更好的替换词（归纳到自己的语料库吧！）

Body Paragraph 1

1 → Studies suggest that a plant-based diet can reduce... → may reduce

就算前面有“studies suggest that”也最好用模糊化以及缓和语气 (hedging) :

避免绝对化

体现客观性和谦逊

保护自己：如果被证伪，你也有“回旋余地”

2 → raising animals for meat contributes to environmental problems

like ... → such as

Informal vs. formal

Body Paragraph 2

1 → **这个段落问题很大。**

*如果立场是中立，那这段紫色部分的论述太少了，不足以支撑这个观点。第二第三段看起来篇幅差不多，其实是因为第三段的观点句很长，论述内容很短

*根据标题，这篇文章应该是支持“素食”的。所以第三段比较理想的写作角度是：现在科技进步，素食也是很有趣很多样的.....

这样对应了开头段的“boring”

Conclusion

1 → 结尾持中立态度，和第二、第三段对应，但和标题不对应。

2 → People should be free to decide what diet works best for them based on health, cost, and personal preference. → People should choose the diet suits their values and needs. (这句比作业图片批改的更合理)

因为文章没有讲到大家有无选择当素食主义者的自由，所以还是不要提及。如果是“values and needs”的话，能对应第二、第三段提到的健康、环保以及营养需求。

第三段示例：

As the technology developing nowadays, vegetarian food is more and more attractive/appealing and tasty. Due to advances in cooking techniques and food technology, vegetarian dishes today are more diverse, creative, and satisfying than ever before. + 例子（比如课上讲的 burger restaurant、很多餐厅菜单都有 vegan 选项等等）

↑ 其中一个作业：

1. 修改开头，补全 background + personal opinion
2. 第三段内容改成“支持素食”
3. 结尾根据前三段内容改

New Writing Task - In-class Practising

Advertisements are everywhere around us. Are they a benefit or not?

Here are some comments from your friends on the subject:



Write an article for your school magazine, giving your views.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should try to use some ideas of your own.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.

You will receive up to 7 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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Introduction:

背景:

Nowadays, advertisements have become ubiquitous (or → an unavoidable part of our daily life).

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大家的观点（包含两方面才会有辩论）：

Some people believe that advertisement ~~will make them irritable~~ (→ could be irritating), ~~but~~ (→ while) some think it is a great chance to

promote production.

你的观点：

So (→ In my opinion,) I ~~think~~ there are more negative sides than the positive ones.

*advertisements have more negative effects than positive ones

Body Paragraph 1:

Body Paragraph 2:

Conclusion:

↑ **作业：完成第二～第四段**

Homework 1 - ARTICLE

完成第十页的作文

Homework 2 - SUMMARY

Read the following article about the increasing amount of artificial light that humans are creating. **On the opposite page, write a summary about the negative aspects of light pollution in our world.**

Your summary should be about 100 words long (and no more than 120 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary and up to 5 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

TURNING NIGHT INTO DAY

If humans were really comfortable under the light of the moon and stars, we would happily go around at night without any artificial light. We would be able to see the world in the same way as the many species that exist in darkness are able to see it. The fact is that we are daytime creatures, with eyes adapted to living in the sunlight.

In order to create a longer day, even extending to 24 hours, we have lit up the night. We have changed it to suit our purposes by filling the darkness with light. This kind of action disturbs human and natural life and comes with disadvantages as well as benefits. By artificially increasing the amount of light in our world, we have produced light pollution.

Light pollution is largely the result of bad lighting design, which allows artificial light to shine outwards and upwards into the sky, where it is not wanted, instead of focusing it downwards, where it is needed. Most of us live in towns and suburbs, which suffer from too much light coming from homes, offices, factories and roads. In these areas, we are often unable to control the light that invades our homes and private lives.



In most cities, the sky looks as though it has been emptied of stars. Many of us have grown up seeing nothing more than a hazy sky, and we have never enjoyed the wonderful sight of a clear night sky, full of beautiful stars.

Humans have selfishly lit up the night assuming that it had no effect on any living creature. Nothing could be further from the truth. The number of species that are busy in the darkness is astonishing. By increasing the amount of artificial light, we have confused and harmed many creatures. Some birds now sing at unnatural hours in the presence of artificial light. Sea turtles, which much prefer dark beaches to build their nests, find fewer and fewer suitable places.

Like most other creatures, we need darkness. It is as essential to our well-being as light itself. By reducing the amount of darkness each day, we are upsetting the regular timing and rhythm of waking and sleeping. This means that we rarely get enough sleep at the right time.

It was once thought that light pollution only affected astronomers, who needed to see the night sky in all its glorious clarity. In fact, some of the earliest efforts to try and control light pollution, in Flagstaff, USA, were made to protect the view from the Lowell Observatory, situated high above the city. In 2001, Flagstaff was declared the first International Dark Sky City. Now, more and more cities and even whole countries have committed themselves to reducing unwanted artificial light.

Finally, we must not ignore the amount of energy that is wasted throughout the world as a result of our desire for extra light. It is arguable that, of all the different types of pollution, light pollution is perhaps the easiest to reduce. Simple changes in lighting design and installation produce immediate changes in the amount of light lost in the atmosphere and, often, provide immediate energy savings.